Item 9: Progress on the “Encouraging Quality in ECEC” Project

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Progress Reporting on 4 output types:

1. Policy Toolbox (for all countries)
2. Policy Profile (for countries w/ VC)
3. Policy Forum (for countries with VC)
4. Final roundtable discussion (for all countries)
1. Policy Toolbox

After the last meeting in June...

• Have run a pilot survey JUL-SEP
• Received comments from countries and experts OCT-NOV
• Revised and sent the final survey on 17 NOV
• Waiting for country responses on **15 FEB 2011**
2. Policy Profile

Suggested Outline for “spotlight” policy profile

1. International comparison on “setting the scene” Indicators
2. International comparison on the selected focus
3. Summary of research base on the selected focus
4. List of relevant policy questions
5. Challenges and strategies of reference countries
6. Policy lessons learnt
Main indicators included as “Setting the Scene Indicators”

A. Policy goals
B. Policy outcomes
C. Policy Input
D. Political drivers
E. Fiscal constraints and political support for ECEC
A. Policy goals for ECEC in Country X

- Increase female labour market participation
- Reconcile work and family responsibilities on a more equitable basis for women
- Address issues of child poverty and educational disadvantages

Let us take an example of Country X... Work-in-Progress; to be discussed in the informal meeting
B. Policy outcomes (1)
Female LM Participation

B. Policy outcomes (2)

Child outcomes

Policy input (1)
Financial support for childcare fees for a dual earner family
Net childcare fees as % of the average wage, 2004

Note: 1) The average wage reflects the earnings of an “average worker”; see OECD (2007), Benefits and Wages, pp. 186-7 for detail.
2) The average is calculated by taking into account all OECD countries with available data.
Policy input (2)

Financial support for childcare fees for a sole-parent family

Net childcare fees as % of the average wage, 2004

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Political drivers
Income inequality tending to grow

Gini Coefficients for OECD countries in the mid-80s, mid-90s, and mid-2000s

Political support for ECEC policy
Policy for children under age 6 or policy for the elderly
Children <6 and >65 as % of total pop in 2008

3. Policy Forum

After the last meeting in June...

• Carried out preliminary visits to KOR (OCT), POR (NOV)
• Refined Terms of References
• Discuss ways forward tomorrow
4. Roundtable Discussion

Preliminary ideas:
• Theme: focusing on “quality” and “implementation”
• Timing: DEC 2011 or JAN 2012
• Paris or to be hosted by a country?
• Any ideas most welcome at this stage